

Salem Lamertine 11:00 1/21/68

*Processional Hymn 188
*Call to Worship Pg. 129
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
*Scripture St. John 14:15-24
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
*Prayer
Anthem
Offering, Response, Prayer
Announcement

YOUTH FELL 6:30

DIOLFE STUDY THURS 7:00

CATHEDRAL QUARTET FRI. 7:30

*Hymn 190
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 319
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen
*Postlude

St. John Malenton 9:30 1/21/68

Prelude
*Processional Hymn 382
*Call to Worship Pg 129
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*Responsive Reading Pg 569 Mel. 17
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Call to Worship: How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins to God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Almighty God, who doth freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him, now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace: remitting all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience; through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Slate of officers; Elders: Joe Darlington Sr., George Robb, Paul Richard, Simon Bowersox.
Deacons: Paul Hair, Earl Lesh, Ralph Bailor, Edward Gantt, Joe Darlington Jr., Herb Robb.
Deaconess: Martha Grenoble, Joy Bailor, Mrs. Ruth Robb.

Offering Prayer: O God, Giver of all good, we give you thanks and praise for your bounty and the providence of the riches of your grace. We beseech you to graciously accept these gifts our offering and bless it through Jesus Christ our Lord ----

Call To Worship: They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not ~~fatig~~ be weary. They shall walk and not faint.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Hear what assuring words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to Him: Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. And whosoever cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. Amen.

~~Worship Service~~ 7:30

CONISTART 7:30 P.M.

PETITION FOR MORE MORAL RESP.
IN GOVT.

TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ralph C. Link, Pastor
Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.
Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP January 31, 1971

The Organ Prelude
*The Hymn of Praise 4
*The Call to Worship
*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)
Most holy and merciful Father; We acknowl-
edge and confess before Thee: Our sinful
nature prone to evil and slothful in good;
And all our shortcomings and offenses. Thou
alone knowest how often we have sinned; In
wandering from Thy ways; In wasting Thy gifts;
In forgetting Thy love. But Thou, O Lord,
have mercy upon us; Who are ashamed and sorry
for all wherein we have displeased Thee.
Teach us to hate our errors; Cleanse us from
our secret faults; And forgive our sins; For
the sake of Thy dear Son. Amen.
*The Kyrie
*The Assurance of Pardon
The Scripture----John 14:8-26
*The Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed (Page 6 Hymnal)
The Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
Installation of Officers (Christ Church)
The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
*The Doxology
*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer
The Hymn of Meditation 188
The Sermon----The Apostles Creed--Our Faith
"I Believe in the Holy Ghost"
The Sermon Prayer
*The Hymn of Response 193
*The Benediction
*The Threefold Amen
*The Postlude

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday Feb. 7th Christ Church will wor-
ship at 9:00 A.M. and Trinity Church at 10:30
A.M.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Consistory meeting will be held today at
2:00 P.M. The nominations for consistory
will be made as well as the other business
at hand.

A Conference Meeting on aging will be held at
Kobach Memorial Church on Thursday Feb. 4th
at 7:30 P.M. Paul F. Hurley will be the
leader. For complete information see the
local newspapers. Transportation is available
if needed. For the New Bloomfield, Centre,
Carroll Area contact Frank L. Fry at 582-2820
on or before Feb. 3rd.

The Holy Spirit

JOHN

Text: John 14: 16 & 17.

We talk about the Holy Spirit many times in Church and yet if I were to ask a dozen people here what the Holy Spirit is, I would get a dozen different answers. Everyone more or less has a different interpretation of the Holy Spirit. There is no harm in this because the Holy Spirit can be different things to different people. The thing that makes it hard to explain is the fact that the Holy Spirit is hard to accept. We can accept the fact that God is the Father. We can also accept the fact that Christ is God's Son. But we find it hard to accept the Holy Spirit because most of us do not understand it. But how do we explain this Holy Spirit? This is where most people become confused. If we use a simple analogy perhaps we can clear this up. The simplest explanation of the Trinity is the one which a former pastor of mine explained to me. If you will permit me to use myself as an example I would like to pass it on to you. First of all I'm a father. Secondly I'm a son because I had a father. Third I'm a husband. This makes me three separate individuals, yet these three individuals are all in one person. Being these three people does not basically change me. I'm still the same person. I still keep my identity. Now this may clear up the Trinity, but I think we should define the Holy Spirit one step further.

In the account of Pentecost found in the 2nd chapter of Acts we encounter one version of the Holy Spirit. It states that suddenly there was a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the house. And there appeared tongues of fire resting on each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues. This is where perhaps some people get the idea that there has to be some sort of movement or motion for the Holy Spirit to appear. This is true with a lot of the old fashioned revival meetings. The worshippers are encouraged to yell and shout and even roll on the floor. If this is the only way to have communion or be in touch with the Holy Spirit, then I think a lot of people have never been in touch with the Spirit. I know that I have never encountered any of this motion or

an electrical charge going through me, and yet I am certain that I have come into contact with the Holy Spirit. I do not think that it is necessary for everyone to have an emotional experience to be in touch with the Holy Spirit. This leads us to ask the question, just how do we come into contact with the Holy Spirit? Here again we must look at the words of Christ and see what He tells us. We read in our Scripture this morning about Christ telling His disciples about the Holy Spirit. He tells them, "The world cannot receive Him because the world neither sees nor knows Him; but you know Him because He dwells with you and is in you." At first reading this may seem to apply only to the immediate disciples to whom He is speaking. But we are also disciples of Christ and we can be assured that Christ includes us in this remark. Most of us probably do not feel or have felt that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in us. Perhaps this thought may seem incorrect because we feel that God dwells in us. But isn't the Holy Spirit another form of God? Maybe we should give some thought as to the way in which the Holy Spirit comes to us or dwells in us.

Theologians have debated the Holy Spirit for many years. One says it is this, while another states it is something else. To me it is still a mystical elusive something which I cannot ~~precisely~~ ^{COMPLETELY} explain. But one thing I do believe and it is this. Now mind I said this is what I believe and my thinking may not agree with many Theologians. But I believe that little voice we call our conscience is nothing more than the Holy Spirit. Have you ever thought of it this way? What prompts us to do the right? What is it that bothers us when we do something we shouldn't do? It's our conscience isn't it? Isn't it possible that this is the counselor or the advocate Christ promised to send? I firmly believe this, because our conscience as we call it doesn't tell us to do bad or evil things. On the contrary it tells us to do the good things, and those things that are right. Because of this I feel the Holy Spirit is our conscience. But here again we must be willing to do God's will and ^{BE} receptive to His Spirit or the counselor or advocate does not come to us. Hardened criminals say they do not have a conscience. This is not only possible

but probable. If we refuse to do as God wants us to do, and if we do not strive to commune with Him, then His Spirit certainly cannot dwell with us. It's like shutting this power off as we would turn off the radio. We can turn our mind from God and the Holy Spirit if we so desire. However we must be prepared for God and His Holy Spirit to keep after us for awhile. At least until we have hardened our hearts and the thing we call our conscience doesn't bother us anymore. Here again the choice is ours.

Another way that the Holy Spirit comes to us is in our individual ministry. Maybe you have never thought of your life as a ministry, but it is. How we meet other people and talk to them is part of our ministry. The Holy Spirit helps us to minister but here again only if we are receptive to God and His will. I know for a fact that the Holy Spirit works this way. A long time ago this same pastor I referred to before told me that all preaching from the pulpit becomes prophetic preaching if it is based on Scripture and is preached for the glory of God. He stated that at this time the Holy Spirit speaks through the individual and guides him. The unbelievable thing to me is that what he stated is true. This happens week after week. I never cease to be amazed at the things I say each week that are not written down here in my notes, nor were they ever thought in my mind when I wrote the sermon. Shirley can tell you the same thing. One Sunday morning we were traveling from one Church to the other and I asked her if she had noted something I had said. I was amazed at the amount of new material I had introduced that had not been written down. To prove it to her I let her read the sermon I had written and then compare it with what she heard me say. She was dumbfounded. This is something I can't explain except to say it's the Holy Spirit that works this way. Any one of you here this morning could experience this very same thing. ~~AND PERHAPS YOU HAVE & KNOW WHAT I AM SAYING.~~ ^{MANY} ~~you would need to do would be to prepare a sermon and deliver it. I would be willing to bet that the Holy Spirit would speak through you too.~~ ~~MINISTER. I HAVE TALKED TO~~ ^{MANY} ~~Followers in this Lay Ministry program say the same thing. It is a source of amazement to anyone who has ever encountered the Holy Spirit this way. Words simply~~

cannot express it. The United Church of Christ's teaching states, "The holy Spirit has been the guiding spirit of the Christian Church down through the centuries. He is at work in the Church today. He has been at work through your Church School teacher and your pastor, teaching you what Jesus demands of His followers, and helping you to understand what is good and true. This is perhaps the simplest way we can look at the Holy Spirit and try to explain it. True it may be geared to what a 12 or 13 year old can comprehend, but I feel that the simplest explanation and the least involved answer is usually the best.

But there is one more point we need to bring out about the holy Spirit. In the 12th chapter of Matthew Christ makes a statement about the holy Spirit. He said, "And so I tell you this: no sin, no slander is beyond forgiveness for men, except slander spoken against the Spirit, and that will not be forgiven. Any man who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven: but if anyone speaks against the Holy Spirit, for him there is no forgiveness either in this age or the age to come." There are several puzzling things about this verse we should examine more closely. The first thing is that if we speak against the Son of Man we can be forgiven. This is very misleading. ^{IN ENGLISH} we would say there was a man. The Jewish people would say there was a son of man. The Hebrew phrase a son of man means simply a man. Therefore it is thought that Christ was not speaking of Him-self, but was using the Hebrew phrase meaning man. So if we speak against man we can be forgiven would be the gist of the first part of this verse. but to speak against the Holy Spirit is unforgiveable. For Christ to say something is unforgiveable is rather strange. here is the ^{ONE} ~~one~~ who is the Saviour, the one who can forgive all if we but come to him and ask His forgiveness. But here again we need to explain something. both the Interpreter's Bible and William Barclay's interpretation of the Gospel of Matt. point out that Christ was not talking of the Holy Spirit of the Trinity. at the time these words were spoken Pentecost was in the future. Therefore he was speaking of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit to the Jews was the Spirit of

God. This spirit brought God's truth to men and the Holy Spirit was God's way of revelation to man. Also the Holy Spirit enabled men to recognize and understand the truth when they saw it. Christ was pointing out that a man can lose the capacity and the ability to recognize goodness and truth when he sees them, if he shuts his eyes and ears to God and refuses to let God's message come to him. A long period of living in this manner would bring a man to the point where he cannot recognize good or evil. He would not be able to distinguish between the two. If he could not see the good and want to do it, or if he could not see the evil and having done it want to repent, then repentance would be impossible. So it follows that he could not be forgiven if he didn't repent. This is the unforgivable sin Christ is talking about.

It is a known fact that we can only hear what we have trained ourselves to hear. ^{MUST} we ~~we~~ constantly strive to listen to God so that his voice may not ring fainter and fainter, but instead ring louder and louder until it becomes the voice that drowns out all others. This voice should ring loud as a bell in our lives, and it will if we co-attune ourselves to God. The Holy Spirit of the Jews and the Holy Spirit of the Trinity maybe were not exactly the same thing, but I believe that they are closely related and have worked in some lives in practically the same way. But one thing is certain, we cannot have either the Spirit of God or the Holy Spirit working in us and through us if we turn ourselves from God. We must seek Him and He will not only seek us but dwell in our lives. ~~Let us pray.~~

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THAT IS H. SPIRIT & MAY IT SPREAD FAR & WIDE